Application No. 09/581,511 Attorney Docket No. 108281-00000

II. REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), an Information Disclosure Statement, and the required fees.

Claims 23-25, 27, 29, 31-66, 68-78, and new claims 79-81 are pending. Claims 24, 27, 29, 34, 36, 59, 60, and 62 are withdrawn.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 23, 25, 31-33, 35, 37-58, 61, 63-66, 68-73, and 75-78 are allowed.

At this time, claim 36 is withdrawn, claim 74 is amended and new claims 79-81 are added. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, Applicants have amended claim 74 as suggested by the Examiner. Support for new claims 79-81 can be found in the specification, for example, on page 26, line 4, and page 27, line 35. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claim 74 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the asserted lack of enablement.

Applicants have amended claim 74 in a manner consistent with the Examiner's recommendation, and therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 74 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 74 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the asserted indefiniteness.

Applicants have amended claim 74 to depend from claim 23, which is a non-canceled claim. In light of the amendment, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 74 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. <u>108281-00000</u>.

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